# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

In re	§
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,	\$ Chapter 11 \$ Case No. 19-34054-sgj11
Debtor.	§
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,	§ § §
Plaintiff,	§ § § Adv. No. 21-03004
v.	§ 7141(021 0500 1
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT FUND ADVISORS, L.P.	\$ \$ \$ \$
Defendant.	\$ §

# **DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO WITHDRAW THE REFERENCE**

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TO THE HONORABLE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE:

COMES NOW Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P., the defendant (the "<u>Defendant</u>") in the above styled and numbered adversary proceeding (the "<u>Adversary Proceeding</u>"), and files this its *Defendant's Motion to Withdraw the Reference* (the "<u>Motion</u>"), respectfully stating as follows:

This Adversary Proceeding was automatically referred to the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(a) and District Court Miscellaneous Order No. 33, *Order of Reference of Bankruptcy Cases and Proceedings Nunc Pro Tunc*.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(d), and for the reasons given in the accompanying *Brief in Support of the Defendant's Motion to Withdraw the Reference*, as supported by the *Appendix In Support of Defendant's Motion to Withdraw the Reference*, filed contemporaneously herewith and all of which is incorporated herein by reference, the Defendant requests that the Court withdraw from the Bankruptcy Court the reference (*i.e.*, the referral) of the Adversary Proceeding, in which case the Adversary Proceeding will continue as a Civil Action in the District Court.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Defendant respectfully requests that the District Court enter an order: (i) granting the Motion; (ii) withdrawing from the Bankruptcy Court the reference of this Adversary Proceeding; and (iii) granting the Defendant such other and further relief to which it shows itself to be entitled.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 13th day of April, 2021.

### MUNSCH HARDT KOPF & HARR, P.C.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that he discussed the relief requested herein with Jeff Pomerantz, Esq., counsel for record for the Plaintiff, who informed the undersigned that the Plaintiff opposes said relief.

> /s/ Davor Rukavina Davor Rukavina

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that, on this the 13th day of April, 2021, true and correct copies of this document were electronically served by the Court's ECF system on parties entitled to notice thereof, including on the Plaintiff through its counsel of record.

> /s/ Davor Rukavina Davor Rukavina